United States Department of Labor Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

B.P., Appellant)
and) Docket No. 21-1116) Issued: March 11, 2022
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, CLEVELAND PROCESSING & DISTRIBUTION CENTER, Cleveland, OH, Employer)))))))))))))))))))
Appearances: Appellant, pro se Office of Solicitor, for the Director	Case Submitted on the Record

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

Before: OMILAS, Chie

ALEC J. KOROMILAS, Chief Judge PATRICIA H. FITZGERALD, Alternate Judge VALERIE D. EVANS-HARRELL, Alternate Judge

On July 8, 2021 appellant sought an appeal from a purported March 22, 2021 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP). The Clerk of the Appellate Boards assigned Docket No. 21-1116.

The Board, having duly considered the matter, notes that the Board has jurisdiction to review final adverse decisions of OWCP issued under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act. This jurisdiction encompasses any final adverse decision issued by OWCP within 180 days of the date appellant filed her appeal. The Board notes that the record contains a March 22, 2021 informational letter advising appellant that no further action would be taken on her claim, which was a duplicate of her claim under OWCP File No. xxxxxx762. This correspondence does not

¹ 5 U.S.C. § 8101 et seq.; 20 C.F.R. §§ 501.2(c) and 501.3(a).

² 20 C.F.R. § 501.3(e) provides in pertinent part: "Any notice of appeal must be filed within 180 days from the date of issuance of a decision of the OWCP."

constitute a final adverse decision by OWCP.³ As there is no final adverse decision issued by OWCP over which the Board may properly exercise jurisdiction, the Board concludes that the appeal docketed as No. 21-1116 must be dismissed.⁴ Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the appeal docketed as No. 21-1116 is dismissed.

Issued: March 11, 2022 Washington, DC

> Alec J. Koromilas, Chief Judge Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

> Patricia H. Fitzgerald, Alternate Judge Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

> Valerie D. Evans-Harrell, Alternate Judge Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

³ See Order Dismissing Appeal, K.S., Docket No. 20-1401 (issued March 17, 2021); Order Dismissing Appeal, S.U., Docket No. 20-0636 (issued December 3, 2020) (correspondence that is purely informational in nature does not constitute a final adverse decision of OWCP from which appellant may properly appeal).

⁴ The Board's decisions and orders are "final upon the expiration of 30 days from the date of their issuance." 20 C.F.R. § 501.6(d).